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13 May 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Revision of Annexes B through F, DCID 1/3, "Priority National Intelligence Objectives".

1. The latest revision of DCID 1/3 was approved on 13 December 1959, but its formal publication has been held up pending the revision of Annexes B through F.

2. On reviewing these annexes as revised by the respective subcommittees (SIC, SIC, JAEIC, GMAIC, and CIC), the Board of National Estimates found them to be essentially repetitive of the basic DCID. It therefore called a meeting of USIB and Subcommittee representatives to consider whether these annexes served any useful purpose. The unanimous sense of this meeting was that they served no purpose requiring their publication with the DCID or their approval by USIB. The Board accordingly submitted the recommendations in para. 3 of the Memorandum for USIB dated 21 April.

3. On 2 May we again polled the participating USIB agencies (including ESA) and found them all in emphatic concurrence

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also emphatically concur.

4. The Air Force will propose substitute language for the second clause of our second recommendation (para. 3b of the Memorandum for USIB), as follows:

> "..... and issue planning criteria lists, which are based upon the Committee's particular competency, for the information of various USIB members."

The purpose of this proposed change is to avoid any implication of conferring USIB authority upon lists not specifically approved by USIB. This is consonant with the sense of the 13 April meeting and the intent of the recommendation, which was that any Subcommittee which thought there was any virtue in it should be permitted to issue such supplementary lists on its own authority, without reference to USIB unless there were an important difference within the Subcommittee.

5. Meanwhile, the Assistant Director, Scientific Intelligence, has objected that the present language of the recommendation

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would deprive any Subcommittee's supplementary listings of the directive authority of USIB. See his memorandum attached hereto. The position of the Board of National Estimates on this point is that, if the annexes are in fact importantly useful, they should be approved by USIB, but if they are not (as is the general opinion), then the USIB's time should not be taken up with them.

FOR THE BOARD OF NATIONAL ESTIMATES

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, National Estimates

ATTENTION: Mr. Ludwell L. Montague

FROM: Assistant Director, National Estimates

SUBJECT: Publication of Annexes to PNIOs

1. I have been informed that a decision was reached at a meeting of the Intelligence Board Representatives on 13 April 1960 to have the annexes of the PNIOs published by the respective subcommittees of the United States Intelligence Board. This procedure, I am told, would supplant the past practice of publishing PNIOs and annexes as one document.

2. Both the Chairman, SIC, and I are concerned that this course of action might cause the annexes to lose some of their directive authority. Furthermore, the absence of Board review could easily lead to conflict between the annexes of different committees and make eventual adjudication by the Board necessary anyway. To preclude these possibilities, it is recommended that the Intelligence Board note the annexes prior to publication. If the Intelligence Board chooses not to note annexes it is recommended that they authorize the subcommittees to use the phrase "published by authority of the United States Intelligence Board" in the foreword of separately published annexes.

/s/

HERBERT SCOVILLE, JR.

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